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LOK SABHA

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CLOSURE OF RETAIL OUTLETS BY ONGC
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) has decided to wind up its retail outlets for petroleum products ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) the losses which the public undertaking is likely to suffer alongwith its subsidiary Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd. (MRPL) due to closure of retail business?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS(SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) : Consequent to the grant of authorization to market transportation fuels in terms of the Government Resolution of 8th March 2002, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) and Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd (MRPL) have commissioned one retail outlet each at Mangalore and Maddur (Bangalore-Mysore State Highway) respectively. ONGC and MRPL have also reported that they have not closed their retail outlets.

(b) & (c) : Do not arise in view of (a) above.